

Colonel Rondal (Ron) L. Turner

Chief of Staff, Kentucky National Guard

Colonel Rondal (Ron) L. Turner is the Chief of Staff, Kentucky National Guard and serves as an assistant and advisor to the Adjutant General of Kentucky. He is directly responsible for the Kentucky Army National Guard's day to day operations and contingency planning and execution. Colonel Turner is responsible for providing direction to all full time manning and elements of the Kentucky Army National Guard and directly supervises eight federal directorates with a combined workforce of some 1,190 AGR and Technicians across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and advises and manages the execution of some \$167 million dollars annually in federal funds. He is responsible for developing and executing concepts, policies, plans and programs in the preparation for and execution of assigned and inferred missions in support of the both the federal and state government. While serving as the Chief of Staff, Colonel Turner works to balance the requirements of readiness, modernization, structure and sustainment to ensure the effectiveness of the Kentucky National Guard during peacetime and ensures operational readiness upon activation and mobilization. He also represents the Adjutant General when requested and performs other duties in direct support of the Adjutant General.



Colonel Turner was commissioned through the Western Kentucky University Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1985, and was selected for a commission as a Field Artillery Officer.

CIVILIAN EDUCATION:

1985 - Western Kentucky University, Bachelor of Science, Agriculture, Bowling Green, Kentucky

1994 - Kentucky State University, Master of Public Affairs (Management Information System Emphasis), Frankfort, Kentucky

2010 - Master of Strategic Studies, US Army War College, Carlisle, PA

MILITARY EDUCATION:

1983 - Basic Combat Training, USATC, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
1986 - Officer Basic Course, USATC, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
1991- Army Inspector General Course, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
1993 - Officer Advance Course, USATC, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
1994 - Command and Staff College (CAS 3), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
1995 - Multiple Launch Rocket System Cadre Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
1999 - Command and General Staff College. Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
(Correspondence)
1999 - National Civil Military Institute – Grant Writing Course, San Luis Obispo, California.
2000 - National Civil Military Institute – Management of the Consequences of Terrorism, San Luis Obispo, California.
2001 - Field Artillery Pre- Command Course, USATC, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
2002 - Observer Controller Course, USATC, Fort Knox, Kentucky
2004 - Human Resource Management Course (80 hours correspondence)
2006 - Parachutist Course, USATC, Fort Benning, Georgia
2008 – Joint Forces Reserve Officer Course, Norfolk, Virginia
2009 – Strategic Planning Implementation Course, Savannah, Georgia
2010 - Master of Strategic Studies, US Army War College Aug 2009 -June 2010
Carlisle, PA

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1983 – Jul 1983, Basic Combat Training, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
2. Jan 1986 – Jun 1986, Student, Officer Basic Course, Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
3. Nov 1986 - Aug 1988, 3rd Battalion, 116th Field Artillery, Plant City, Florida
4. Sep 1988 - Sep 1989, Fire Direction Officer, 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery, Glasgow, Kentucky
5. Oct 1989 - Dec 1990, Commander, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery, Monticello, Kentucky
6. Dec 1990 - June 1991, Commander, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery, South West Asia, Desert Shield/Desert Storm
7. June 1991 - November 1991, Commander, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery, Monticello, Kentucky
8. November 1991 - March 1993, Detailed Inspector General, Frankfort, Kentucky
9. March 1993 – Jun 1993, Student, Officer Advance Course, Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
10. June 1993 - March 1994, Detailed Inspector General, Frankfort, Kentucky
11. Apr 1994 – Aug 1995, S-1, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery, Frankfort, Kentucky

12. Sep 1995 - Aug 1996, Commander, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery, Tompkinsville, Kentucky
13. Sep 1996 – July 1998, S-3, HHSB, Field Artillery, Glasgow, Kentucky
14. Aug 1998 – Jun 1999, Executive Officer, HHSB, Field Artillery, Glasgow, Kentucky
15. Jul 1999 – Aug 2001, Plans, Operations and Military Support Officer, Frankfort, Kentucky
16. Sep 2001 – Mar 2003, Commander, 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery (MLRS), Glasgow, Kentucky
17. Mar 2003 – May 2003, Commander, 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery (MLRS), Glasgow, Kentucky Mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
18. May 2003 – Dec 2003, Commander, 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery (MLRS), Glasgow, Kentucky
19. Jan 2004 – Sep 2006, Commander, 2nd Battalion, 75th Recruiting and Retention Regiment, Frankfort, Kentucky
20. Oct 2006 – Dec 2007, G-1/DCSPER, Frankfort, Kentucky
21. Dec 2007 – Present, Chief of Staff, Joint Forces Headquarters, Frankfort, Kentucky
22. Oct 2010 – Present, Commander, 138 Fires Brigade, Lexington, Kentucky
23. Jul 2011 present Senior JROTC Instructor Allen County Scottsville High School

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Commendation Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars)

Global War on Terrorism Medal

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Armed Force Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass, M Device and Numeral 2)

Army Service Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal

Kentucky Commendation Ribbon (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Kentucky Service Ribbon (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Kentucky State Active Duty Ribbon (2 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Kentucky Recruiting Ribbon

Kentucky Adjutant General's Staff Identification Badge

Strength Maintenance Badge (Basic)
Parachutist Badge
German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge
Legion of Merit - 2nd award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS:

Life Member National Guard Association of Kentucky
Life Member National Guard Association of the United States
Life Member Field Artillery Association
Louisville/Jefferson County Memorial Committee 2000
Korean 50th Anniversary Commemorative Committee (State) 2000-2003
Barren County Civil War Battlefield Restoration Committee 2000
Kentucky Executive Committee for 50th Anniversary of the Korean War 2001
Kentucky's Civil War Vicksburg, Mississippi Monument Committee 2000-2001
Patriots Peace Memorial Founding Committee 2000-2002
Heritage Council of Monroe County, Kentucky 2002-2004
Monroe County Chamber of Commerce Director 2002-2004
Life Member Corydon Historical Society Member 2005
Life Member American Legion 1991
Life Member Veterans of Foreign Wars 1991
Freemason
Scottish Rite
Ancient and Accepted Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Kosair)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1991 General Douglas MacArthur Outstanding Young Officer State Winner
1997 Outstanding Community Leadership Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:

Second Lieutenant ARNG 12 May 1985
First Lieutenant ARNG 10 May 1988
Captain ARNG 19 May 1990
Major ARNG 05 November 1996
Lieutenant Colonel ARNG 29 Aug 2001
Colonel ARNG 6 Oct 2006